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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS
Wednesday, October 25, 2006 - 9:00 A.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

CASSETTE #: 31; Side A, 322 to EOT
31; Side B, 001 to EOT

PRESENT: Supervisors West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and Coggs-Jones
(Chair)

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS – 2

1. 06-417 Resolution by Supervisor Coggs-Jones creating a task force to be appointed by the County Executive and County Board Chairman to advocate and recommend continuous sources of funding for services provided by the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division's (BHD) Wisconsin Supports Everyone's Recovery Choice (Wlser Choice) network.

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- A-336 Supervisor Coggs-Jones introduced the resolution and asked for the support of her fellow Committee members. She stated that the Access to Recovery funding is going to be depleted at the end of 2007. What this resolution does is provide an opportunity to do a public/private partnership task force to enable people to work on advocating, lobbying, or coming up with other alternatives to look at replacing or partially replacing that money.
- A-337 Mr. Henken explained how critical an issue this is. He went on to state that the Wlser Choice Program has been a phenomenal success. The demand for the comprehensive AODA services that are now being provided is growing and growing. He indicated it appears that there is some significant likelihood that the federal funding that has supported this program under the three-year grant will be completely eliminated beginning in 2008. This is something that needs to be addressed very early in 2007.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

A-361 Supervisor Johnson requested to be added as a co-sponsor of this resolution at which time Supervisors West, Quindel, Rice, Clark, and Cesarz all unanimously requested to be added as co-sponsors. Upon hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ACTION BY: (Coggs-Jones) Approve. 7-0

AYES: Coggs-Jones, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

2. 06-426 Resolution by Supervisor Coggs-Jones authorizing the use of 2006 surplus funds within the Department of Health and Human Services for a planning blueprint to support the development of safe and secure housing for poor persons affected by mental illness and/or substance abuse.

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

A-387 Supervisor Coggs-Jones stated that this resolution is in conjunction with the initiative to work in the area of housing for people that are affected with mental health illnesses.

A-404 Mr. Henken stated this is an application that was made as part of this year's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process. He indicated that for a variety of reasons centering primarily on the fact that there are limited planning dollars within the CDBG allocation, this was not recommended for funding under CDBG. However, this is considered to be a critical starting point in terms of efforts to comprehensively attack the issue surrounding the lack of sufficient housing resources. This resolution would allow the examination of what is out there in terms of a) housing resources, b) to what extent are they or are they not serving the individuals that the County is mandated by state law to serve, and c) how these can be applied to the areas where they are needed most.

Questions and comments ensued.

Supervisors Johnson, Clark, West, and Quindel requested to be added as co-sponsors of this resolution. Upon hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

A-456 **ACTION BY: (Coggs-Jones) Approve. 7-0**
AYES: Coggs-Jones, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
 West (Chair) - 7
NOES: 0

APPOINTMENTS - 3

3. 06-398 From County Executive, appointing Mr. Nelson Soler to the Care Management Organization Governing Board for a term expiring August 31, 2009. Mr. Soler will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Cherrie Dyett.

A-481 **APPEARANCE:**
Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

Ms. Rudig introduced Mr. Soler to the Committee who provided brief comments.

ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
 Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

4. 06-407 From the County Executive, appointing Ms. Tiffany Payne to serve on the Long Term Care Council for a term expiring November 2, 2009.

APPEARANCE:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

A-502 Ms. Rudig introduced Ms. Payne to the Committee who provided brief comments.

ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
 Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

5. 06-408 From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Tom Hlavacek to serve on the Long Term Care Council for a term expiring November 2, 2009.

APPEARANCE:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

A-516 Ms. Rudig introduced Mr. Hlavacek to the Committee who provided brief comments.

ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

DEPARTMENT ON AGING - 1

6. 06HN23 From the Director, Department on Aging, submitting an updated informational report on the June and July 2006 and Year-to-Date Income Statement of the Care Management Organization (CMO) under Family Care. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCES:

Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging
James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging

A-538 Mr. Hodson summarized the said report and explained the report reflects year-to-date numbers through July 2006. He reviewed revenues, expenditures, and surplus. Mr. Hodson also emphasized key points that he felt should be brought to the Committee's attention. He provided an update as it relates to the Supportive Home Care Workers and Personal Care Workers stating that WPS will be issuing the highly anticipated retroactive payments dating back to January 1st of this year.

Mr. Hodson referred the Committee to the footnotes at the end of the report and covered in detail the deficit for the month of June and the increase in member obligation revenues and cross charges/internal transfers expenses.

Questions and comments ensued.

A-619 Supervisor Cesarz proceeded to ask a series of questions regarding the CMO Governing Board's last meeting. He then requested that Mr. Hodson provide the Committee with information based on the current trends of this year and last year, what type of bottom line is roughly estimated to be experienced under the anticipated 2007 rate increase for another twelve months of operation. Madame Chair indicated that Mr. Hodson should address Supervisor's Cesarz inquiry at the next scheduled meeting.

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Questions and comments continued.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION - 5

7. 06-5 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
(a)(h) requesting authorization to amend the 2006 Purchase of Service Contract with the Guest House of Milwaukee.

ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

8. 06HN24 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
submitting an informational report presenting results of a survey of
current housing conditions of consumers in the Behavioral Health
Division's Community Support and Targeted Case Management
Programs. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE
DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCES:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Jim Hill, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division – DHHS

- B-001 Mr. Henken provided some background on the problem focusing on the
existence of poverty and the difficulties faced by those with severe
mental illnesses who live in it. He explained that it is going to take the
effort of several different governmental and non-governmental entities in
this community to address it. What they are seeking to do is develop a
game plan that is based on where the needs are most acute and what can
be done given the resources possessed. This survey is part of that effort
to further define the problem and to determine where is it most severe. It
also gives a great base of information that can be utilized in resolving the
problem.

Questions and comments ensued.

- B-180 Mr. Hill stated that the survey was designed to give a snapshot of the
system and of the general housing conditions of the clients that are
currently being served by Milwaukee County. Clients were either
surveyed directly or assessed by their case managers in terms of a whole
series of questions. Out of the 2,474 clients surveyed that are actively

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receiving services, 80 people were identified throughout the system to live in conditions that the Housing and Urban Development Department defines as substandard housing.

- B-273 Mr. Henken expanded even further by adding that there was a national survey conducted recently that graded each state in terms of their performance in providing services for persons with mental illness. The State of Wisconsin received a "B." There were no states that received an "A," and only a handful of states received a "B." He went on to state that given that our population is such a significant percentage of the state population, it implies that there are thousands of people receiving service from Milwaukee County who are receiving a decent level of service.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

9. 05-536 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
(a)(b) requesting authorization to increase the 2006 Professional Service Contract with Roeschen's Omnicare Pharmacy by \$300,000 from \$3,300,000 to \$3,600,000.

APPEARANCE:

Jim Hill, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division – DHHS

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- B-301 Supervisor Clark requested that Mr. Hill provide her with information that answers the following questions:
- What was the initial dollar amount of the original Request for Proposals (RFP) submitted in the initial bid for this contract?
 - Is the \$3,600,00 close to the amount of our previous provider of services?
 - What are the major advantages or disadvantages to having this provider?
 - When will this project go out again for bidding?

Questions and comments ensued.

- B-387 Mr. Henken stated that the amount of money spent on pharmacy is staggering. The amount is not just going up with the rate of inflation. Double-digit increases have been seen in the cost of these drugs. He explained that they have had to do some very creative things to try to control these costs, but it is very difficult. The notion that the County can somehow make due with level funding for these mandated services every year has forced them to make cuts in other places, which has caused a lot of pain in their budget.

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ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

10. 06HN25 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding a recent inspection by the State Department of Health and Family Services, Bureau of Quality Assurance, of the Behavioral Health Division's Acute Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital and Emergency Service. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- B-456 Mr. Henken informed the Committee that they were subject to an unannounced inspection by Federal and State surveyors. This is standard operating procedure. He stated that there probably has not been an inspection of this nature that has occurred in the country where some violations were not found, and indeed, violations were found. They have already submitted and received approval for the various corrective actions plans.

Mr. Henken indicated he felt it important to not only let the Committee know the inspection took place but to explain that despite the fact that they are still looking for other options in terms of where they can provide in-patient and nursing home services, the corrections that are required as a result of these inspections need to occur in order to stay in business.

A separate fund transfer request has been submitted, which is another use of the previously alluded to surplus and a very wise use because these are one-time expenditures, and will be before the Committee on Finance and Audit. The fiscal impact of these requirements is still being assessed. There may need to be another fund transfer for the December cycle.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

11. 06HN26 Referral from the Finance and Audit Committee on policy matters regarding the initiative to provide permanent housing options to persons with mental illness. **(Also to the Economic and Community Development Committee) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

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APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Questions and comments ensued regarding Amendment #s1A004, 1A005, and 1A006.

- B-545 Madame Chair suggested that Amendment #s1A005 and 1A006 be referred to staff for the composition of a resolution for the December cycle.

ACTION BY: (Clark) Refer Amendment #s1A005 and 1A006 to County Board staff for a report back with a possible resolution for action for the December cycle. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

- B-567 Supervisors raised concerns regarding Amendment #1A004.

ACTION BY: (West) Place Amendment #1A004 on file. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

ECONOMIC SUPPORT DIVISION – 2

12. 06-32 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
 (a)(j) requesting authorization to enter into a 2006 State-County Contract
 Addendum with the State of Wisconsin for income maintenance
 activities.

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- B-616 Mr. Henken explained that this is going to help them with their
 electronic case-filing program, which is essential to improving error rate
 performance and efficiency.

ACTION BY: (Clark) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

13. 06HN27 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding a National Association of Counties (NACO) award for the Special Needs Childcare Program and an update on the program's current status. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- B-426 Mr. Henken began by reminding the Committee of the controversy that initially surrounded this program several years ago. He indicated that an in-house re-evaluation and overhaul was done of the program, which virtually turned it into a model program. It is now effectively serving several families who sought childcare services for their children with special needs. This is now a streamlined program that is achieving results. Mr. Henken felt it important to share this news with the Committee along with the NACO recognition.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

DHHS - GENERAL - 1

14. 06-130 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
(a)(a) requesting authorization to distribute 2006 funds for the Youth Sports Authority.

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- B-143 Mr. Henken stated that this is their final allocation for 2006 of Youth Sports Authority funding. The Youth Sports Authority Board met and has recommended a total amount of \$41,689 worth of projects, which is now being forwarded to the Committee.
- B-648 Supervisor Quindel provided comments regarding the program's positive results.

ACTION BY: (Quindel) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAMS DIVISION - 2

15. 06-413 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and administer the 2007 State Block Grant for the purchase of health care services for qualified medically indigent individuals in an amount up to \$16.6 million.

ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

16. 06HN28 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding modifications to General Assistance Medical Program Medical Service Agreements (GAMP).
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- B-680 Mr. Henken stated that they encountered some issues in terms of their ability to draw down their Federal and State dollars for the GAMP Program. Milwaukee County fronts the money for the medical expenditure budget. After the year is over, the County is reimbursed. This past summer, the State Plan Amendment that is required to draw down the funds underwent some questions from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). Those questions were answered. Some technical adjustments in the contracts with the hospitals were made, and everything worked out. Changes were introduced by the modification of the funding structure for GAMP.

The Federal claim now is not going to be based on the amount of money that is spent at the hospitals but instead is going to be based on the amount of money spent by the hospitals on GAMP eligible individuals. This holds potential for increasing the Federal claim. There would also be an increased local match requirement, and that still would have to be worked out.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

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ADDENDUM ITEMS

OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES-1

17. 06-428 From the Director, Office for Persons with Disabilities, requesting authorization to contract with Easter Seals Kindcare of Southeastern Wisconsin for a period of three years, beginning January 1, 2007 and concluding December 31, 2009, to provide program planning and service provision for the Wil-O-Way Recreation program.

APPEARANCE:

Donald Natzke, Director, Office for Persons with Disabilities

- B-706 Mr. Natzke stated that this resolution continues the relationship that has worked to the interest of the County and people with disabilities and is a very vital recreational program.

ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, *Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

****Supervisor Johnson requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting Aye on this item. Upon hearing no objections, it was so ordered by Madame Chair Coggs-Jones.***

RESOLUTION-1

18. 06-429 Resolution by Supervisors Holloway and Quindel creating the Health Benefits Advisory Committee to assist in development of health plans, interpret the health benefits environment, review industry trends, and serve as a County liaison to the greater community in addressing rising regional health costs. **(Also to the Committee on Personnel.)**
- B-718 Supervisors Rice, West, Cesarz, Clark, Johnson, and Coggs-Jones requested to be added as co-sponsors.

ACTION BY: (Quindel) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

STAFF PRESENT:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office
Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging
James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging
Jim Hill, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division – DHHS
Donald Natzke, Director, Office for Persons with Disabilities
Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

This meeting was recorded on tape. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 9:08 a.m. to 10:43 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk
Committee on Health and Human Needs